

### To the Stockholders of the Orleans County Fair Association

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders will be held at the Hotel Barton in Barton, Vt., on Tuesday, January 2, 1912, at 1:30 o'clock, p. m., for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

There are several important matters to come before this meeting and you are earnestly requested to be present.

C. C. BALDWIN, Sec.

### COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE

#### Estate of John Keir

The Undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court of the District of Orleans, Commissioners, to receive, examine, and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of John Keir late of Craftsbury in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the store of the late John Keir in the town of Craftsbury in said District, on the 9th day of January and 7th day of May next, from 10 o'clock a. m. until 4 o'clock p. m. on each of said days, and that six months from the 18th day of November A. D. 1911 is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Craftsbury this 18th day of December, A. D. 1911.

THORACE F. GRAHAM  
T. M. GALLAGHER  
Commissioners.

### FOR SALE

1085—FINE DAIRY FARM 225 acres on main road 1 mile from village, stores, etc., one mile to railroad station. Land lies nice, dark loam soil; two tillage fields all machine worked. Plenty of wood and timber for home use; 600 sugar maples large enough to tap and lot more that will soon be large enough to tap. Plenty of fruit for home use. Good pasture for 30 cows. New stock barn 47x105, basement and silo; double-boarded and painted; stable sheathed with matched lumber; patent swing stanchions. Tool house 18x30. Story-and-half dwelling house, 9 rooms. Good cellar with outside entrance, piazza. Full equipped bath, hot and cold water. House painted white and blinds; recently repaired and in good condition. Nice yard and shade trees. Pleasant view; two miles to pond, trout stream flows through the farm. This is a model farm home, buildings practically new. Insurance \$5000. Price \$6500. Stock, crops and nice equipment of tools will be sold at a low price. Owner has other business, reason for this property being on the market, might take a village property in exchange.

1022—SAWMILL BARGAIN—Building nearly new located in busy town on B. & M. railroad with siding, lumber can be loaded from the mill on the cars. Machinery consists of Lane sawmill, slab saw, one Lane chain edger, one two-saw trimmer, one Woods four side planer and matcher, Large Erie engine and boiler, plenty of water. Plenty of power to run the mill smart. Price for mill and complete equipment ready to run \$1600, which is only about half its value. If you are looking for a sawmill better investigate this. It must be sold.

**KING & NELSON CO.**  
Barton, Vt.

### LOCAL NEWS

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Baptist church Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Smith of Bloomfield called on his sister, Mrs. B. F. Sawyer, Saturday.

Albert Silver, Sr., has gone to his daughter's in Dorchester, Mass., to spend the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. Henry Moulton is stopping with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, while Mr. Moulton is working in Holland.

#### WEST DERBY.

Ira E. Mooney from Bolton Center visited friends in town recently.

Rev. Mr. Bergin from Newport Center preached in the Baptist church Sunday morning.

Mrs. C. E. Greene spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Corliss, at Island Pond recently.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles McClure and Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Cousins spent a few days at Iron Hill, Que., recently.

Miss Roxie Marsh and her brother, Elmer Marsh from Sweetsburg, Que., spent a few days recently the guests of H. K. Cousins and other friends in town.

Elder Paul Hill from Bartlett Street mission, Worcester, Mass., held some very interesting meetings in the A. C. church last week and over Sunday.

Friday night about 12 o'clock it was discovered that the store of A. B. Cobleigh was on fire. The hose company from Newport was called out, also the hose company from this place. The fire was soon put out, but the most of the goods in the store were destroyed by the smoke, water and fire. The fire had made quite a headway when discovered and was in the partition. The origin of the fire is unknown. It evidently started in a room off the store used for storing goods, also for the telephone.

#### GLOVER.

The smallpox scare being over, the Glover band will give their long planned play, "Brookdale Farm," Jan. 1, 1912. Hodge's orchestra will furnish music for New Year's ball after the play.

There will be a Christmas tree at the M. E. church for the children, Monday evening, Dec. 25, at eight o'clock. For lack of time, on account of smallpox scare, most of the usual exercises will be omitted.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clark received the sad news early Wednesday morning that their daughter's husband, James M. Carder, was killed in an accident on the Boston & Maine railroad in the town of Newbury. Mr. and Mrs. Clark went to Lyndonville on the noon train. Mr. Carder was born Nov. 1st, 1887, at Waterford. At the age of seven years his parents moved to Meredith, N. H., at the age of fifteen he graduated from school and soon after went to St. Johnsbury, where he worked for the Fairbanks company most of the time until last March, when he began work for the B. and M. railroad as fireman. He

was a member of Grace M. E. church St. Johnsbury. He was also a member of Green Mountain Lodge, No. 49, N. E. O. P. and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Fireman and Engineers. Flowers were sent from five fraternal orders, also from his church and friends. He leaves a wife and baby daughter, also a father and mother and two brothers, who have the heartfelt sympathy of the friends and neighbors in their sudden bereavement.

#### WEST GLOVER.

Ruth Baker is sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. W. B. Stiles is among the sick ones.

Marie Baker, who has been away, is at home for a short visit.

Mrs. Wilson is away for a visit with her daughter and other relatives.

The young people are preparing Christmas exercises to be held Monday night.

David and Lewis Wright are expected home from Cornell University this week for the holidays.

Mr. Burbeck and family, who have been living in Mrs. Skinner's tenement, have moved to Hyde Park.

Regular meeting of M. W. of A., No. 14710, Dec. 28th at 8 p. m. Election of officers, a full attendance is desired.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson gave them a reception at the schoolhouse hall Friday evening, Dec. 15th.

#### GREENSBORO.

J. C. Collier is driving the cream team during the illness of Mr. Farr.

Neil Harriman, who has been ill, took his place on the stage again Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barrington returned from their visiting trip last Saturday.

Mrs. F. A. Messer and children go this week to Newport, N. H., to spend Christmas.

Thomas Wilson is on the sick list. Herbert M. Farr, who was taken seriously ill last week, is slowly recovering.

Mrs. Ernest Scott of North Haverhill, N. H., formerly of this town, who some weeks ago was seriously injured by being thrown from a carriage, and confined to her bed since the accident, expresses thanks to her many friends here for remembering her with such a refreshing post card shower.

#### GREENSBORO BEND.

Miss Mary Smith is spending a few days with Mrs. Abbie Barber.

Summer Hill had a New England telephone placed in his house Friday.

Mrs. A. A. Ross returned to her home in Woodbury the first of the week.

Bernard and Leslie Daniels are home from their school in Morrisville for the holidays.

J. H. Pope was in St. Johnsbury to see his father Saturday, who is sick in the hospital.

F. B. Forrest and Rosa Mercier are sick with smallpox. The youngest child of George Davis is quite sick.

Mrs. Emma Christie returned to her home in Glover Friday after spending a few days here with her mother and sister.

#### IRASBURG.

A. N. Page is suffering from a hard cold.

Walter Houston spent Sunday in St. Johnsbury.

Mrs. Charles Shephard has been on the sick list the past week.

O. J. Shepherd has moved his family into the Wm. Fisher house.

Walter Harlow has gone to New port Center to care for a patient.

Miss Jennie Lanou suffered a second attack of appendicitis last week.

A pleasant C. E. social was held in the Congregational parlors Friday evening.

E. A. Holbrook's little son Stanley has been quite ill with bronchitis the past week.

Adelbert Macia, who was operated upon for empyema last week is slowly improving.

Mattie Demeritt had the misfortune to break a darning needle in her leg last week.

Mrs. Charles Brush and daughter returned to their home in North Lawrence today.

D. H. Coburn's sugar house burned to the ground Thursday night. The origin of the fire is unknown.

A Christmas tree and exercises will be held in the Congregational church next Saturday evening, to which all are cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. John Colton, Orleans, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Leonard of Barton and Mrs. Thomas Smith of Brownington Center were in town Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Almira Colton.

The Christian Endeavor society recently elected the following officers for 1912. President, Miss Florence Winget; vice president, Walter Harlow; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. C. Carpenter; secretary and treasurer, Miss Blanche Winget; organist, Miss Leonie Wheeler.

MRS. ALMIRA COLTON.

On Wednesday morning, Dec. 13, at 3 o'clock occurred the death of Mrs. Almira Colton, one of the aged and revered residents of Irasburg. Her death was the result of a general breakdown, although she appeared to be in fairly good health until two months ago, when she fell and broke her hip and that with the infirmities of age began to tell rapidly. Her maiden name was Almira Bailey.

She was born in this town on March 2, 1835. In 1854 she was married to E. P. Colton. All of their married life was spent in this town with the exception of six years, which they spent in Norwood, N. Y. Her husband died 16 years ago, since that time she has lived most of the time with her granddaughter, Mrs. Arthur Boright. Her children who survive her are Mrs. G.

W. Phillips and Mrs. Jessie Brush of North Lawrence, N. Y. Mrs. Colton was one of the choice mothers of the land. A wide circle of friends will mourn her death for to know her was to love her. Although she had reached the age of 76 years she remained young in spirit. She was a devoted member of the church and by her faithfulness she set a noble example. Her fragrant spirit and Christian character are a rich heritage left her children. Funeral services were held at the home Friday forenoon. Rev. G. L. Wells officiating, assisted by Rev. C. A. Adams.

#### LOWELL.

Arthur Finnegan has gone to New York to visit his brother.

The "Black Heifer" was played to a full house Friday night.

Miss Maria Stewart is on the sick list also Miss Nellie Harding.

There was a good attendance at the oyster supper Tuesday evening.

Raymond, one of Meda Pudvah's little boys, has been quite sick with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ara Pope will go to housekeeping in the tenement with Mrs. McGorty.

H. H. Newton has gone to Lynn, Mass., for a week's visit with his son, Frank Newton.

Miss Alice Durivage is very low at this writing. Her sister Florence is helping care for her.

Mrs. A. J. Crawford of Westfield visited her daughter, Mrs. Vernon Warner, over Sunday.

Mrs. H. H. Newton will spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Smythe Sisco at Bradford.

Special price now on all trimmed millinery to close out at 20 per cent discount at Mrs. Delia LaClair's.

The Misses Mabel Durivage and Helen Stephenson will return from Concord, N. H., to spend Christmas at home.

Wallace Farman was chosen as delegate from Lowell grange to attend the state grange to be held at Montpelier, Dec. 12, 13 and 14.

Let all members of Lowell grange remember that at the next regular meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 19, will be the regular annual election of officers.

Mark and Wallace Warner have completed their new house, built on the farm they purchased of the G. F. Richards estate, in place of the one that was burned last March and their mother, Mrs. Mary Warner, has moved from Westfield to keep house for them.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning special Christmas music by the full choir and a sermon appropriate to the occasion will be features of the service. In the evening the Christian Endeavor topic is, "The Gift that Transforms the World." Children's concert and Christmas tree at the church Monday evening. All are invited to help make the exercises helpful and pleasing and to hang gifts on the tree.

WHO IS SANTA CLAUS?  
Query Prompting One of the Pretty Legends of St. Nicholas.  
History says St. Nicholas, the patron saint of Christmas, was bishop of Myra, in Lycia, and that he died about 343.

Tradition fills in the meager details with a number of legends. Among his flock—so runs one—was a nobleman with three daughters. From being rich he became so poor there remained no way of obtaining food for the maidens, who, having no bread to eat, wept continually, while their father grew more and more desperate. St. Nicholas heard of the family's plight, and, taking a handful of gold, he repaired to the nobleman's house one night while the maidens slept and the father sat alone weeping.

A cloud showed St. Nicholas an open window in the nobleman's home. So he threw in the gold, and it fell at the feet of the nobleman, who, when he found it, returned thanks and presented it to his eldest daughter as her wedding portion.

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### Dickens' Christmas

From Works of Yuletide Author Whose Centenary Comes in February.

An angel, speaking to a group of shepherds in a field; some travelers, with eyes uplifted, following a star; a baby in a manger.

Happy, happy Christmas that can win us back to the delusion of our childish days; that can recall to the old man pleasures of his youth; that can transport the sailor and the traveler, thousands of miles away, back to his own fireside and his quiet home.

After dinner Caleb sung the song about the sparkling bowl. As I'm a living man, hoping to keep so for a year or two, he sung it through.

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to the old man, whatever he is! He wouldn't take it from me, but he may have it nevertheless.

But my song I trol out for Christmas stout. The hearty, the true and the bold. A bumper I drain and, with might and main.

Give three cheers for this Christmas old! We'll usher him in with a merry din. That shall gladden his joyous heart. And we'll keep him up while there's bite or sup. And in fellowship good we'll part.

We're to be together all the Christmas long and have the merriest time in all the world.

He heard them give each other merry Christmas as they parted at crossroads and byways.

Yo ho, my boys! No more work tonight. Christmas eve, Dick! Christmas eve, Ebenezer! Let's have the shutters up!

Christmas was at hand in all his bluff and hearty honesty. It was the season of hospitality, merriment and open heartedness. The old year was preparing, like an ancient philosopher, to call his friends around him and, amid the sound of feasting and revelry, to pass gently and calmly away.

The tree was planted in the middle of a great round table and towered high above their heads. It was brilliantly lighted by a multitude of little tapers and everywhere sparkled and glittered with bright objects.

Upon your own hearth, in its quiet sanctuary, surrounded by its gentle influences and associations, hear her, her me, hear everything that speaks the language of your hearth and home.

We all come home or ought to come home for a short holiday—the longer the better—from the great boarding school, where we are forever working at our arithmetical slates, to take and give a rest.

Holly, mistletoe, red berries, ivy, turkeys, geese, game, poultry, brown meal, pigs, sausages, oysters, pies, puddings, fruit and punch.

But hark! The waits are playing, and they break my childish sleep. What images do I associate with the Christmas music as I see them set forth on the Christmas tree?

And numerous indeed are the hearts to which Christmas brings a brief season of happiness and enjoyment. . . . How many old recollections and how many dormant sympathies does Christmas time awaken!

A Jolly Christmas Game.

For a rousing Christmas game provide a number of large, rosy apples and as many trifling presents. Each boy or girl in turn is given a broad bladed knife, with which he or she must scoop up one piece of fruit. Balancing the apple on the knife blade, he must walk rapidly around the room. All those who succeed in carrying the fruit over the prescribed course are allowed to select one of the prizes as a reward, or a peanut may be carried on the knife blade if the stage manager prefers.

Christmas Long Ago.

Come sing a hale high-ho For the Christmas long ago When the old log cabin homed us From the night of blinding snow, And the rarest joy held reign, And the chimney roared again, With the firelight like a beacon Through the frosty windowpane.

Ah, the revel and the din From without and from within, The blend of distant sleighbells With the tinkling violin, The muffled shrieks and cries, Then the glowing cheeks and eyes, The driving storms of greetings, Gusts of kisses and surprise!

Sing in again the mirth Of the circle round the hearth, With the rustic Shindbad telling us The strangest things on earth, And the minstrel bard we knew, With his "Love-ler so true," Likewise his "Young House-k'arpenter" And "Love-ed Henry" too!

And, forgetting ne'er a thing, Lift a gladder voice and sing Of the dancers in the kitchen Clean from start to "pigeon wing." Sing the glory and the glee And the joy and jubilee, The twirling form, the quickened breath, The sigh of ecstasy.

But eyes that smile alone Back into our happy own, The leaping pulse, the laughing blood, The trembling undertone! Ho, pair up off once more, With our feet upon the floor, But our heads and hearts in heaven, As they were in days of yore!

—James Whitcomb Riley.

## Buy Practical Christmas Gifts

They will be appreciated, and the recipient will be much pleased to receive a present that is useful.

### THE SYNDICATE

Is well prepared to supply you with useful gifts of all kinds for Men and Women and the Little Ones too. We have a large stock and a good variety to select from. We suggest that you call and see all of the new desirable good suitable for Christmas gifts. We give you a partial list below. You can get a good idea of what we have to offer, but you really must see the goods in order to appreciate their beauty and usefulness.

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Handkerchiefs, 5c to 50c  
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Umbrellas, 1.00 to 5.00  
Mufflers, 50c to 1.50  
Silk Mufflers, 1.00 to 5.00  
Scarf Pins, 50c to 2.00  
Cuff Buttons, 50c to 2.50  
Orleans Pillows, 1.25  
Orleans Banners, 50c to 1.00  
K of P Banners, 1.00  
M W A Banners, 1.00  
Bath Robes, 4.50 to 7.50  
House Coats, 4.00 to 8.00  
Sweaters, 50c to 7.00  
Fur Caps, 4.00  
Club Bags, 2.50 to 8.50  
Suit Cases, 1.00 to 7.50  
Pajamas, 1.00 to 3.00  
Night Robes, 50c to 1.50  
Suspenders, 25c to 3.00  
Arm Bands, 10c to 50c  
Crossett Shoes, 4.00 to 5.00  
Holeproof Hose, 6 pair 1.50  
Holeproof Hose, Silk, 3 pair 2.00

#### FOR LADIES & GIRLS

Toilet Sets, 2.50 to 6.00  
Sweaters, 1.00 to 7.00  
Fur Lined Gloves, 3.50 to 5.00  
Bradley Mufflers, 50c to 1.50  
Seal Caps, 5.00  
Suit Cases, 1.00 to 5.00  
Travelling Bags, 2.50 to 8.00  
Quantlet Gloves for Girls, 50c  
Shoes, 1.50 to 3.50  
Holeproof Hose, Silk, 3 pair 3.00  
Holeproof Hose, 6 pair 2.00  
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Mittens, 25c to \$4  
Toques, 25c to 1.50  
Aviation Caps, 1.50  
Star Gauntlets for Boys, 50c  
Silk Mufflers, 75c to \$4  
Fancy Vests, \$1 to \$6  
Pure Silk Hose, 50c  
Shirts, 50c to \$2  
Flannel Shirts, \$1 to 3  
Blouses, 25 and 50c  
Fur Lined Gloves, 3.50 to \$5  
Fur Lined Coats, \$25 to \$65  
Fur Coats, \$20 to \$45  
Fur Trimmed Coats, 16.50 to 20.00  
Suits for Men, 10.00 to 25.00  
Suits for Boys, 2.50 to 8.50  
Overcoats for Boys, 2.50 to 10.00  
Overcoats for Men, 8.50 to 25.00  
Shoes for Boys, 1.50 to 3.00  
Moccasins, 3.00 to 6.00  
Holeproof Hose for Boys, 6 pair 2.00

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